

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division or Section of Water Quality Control Div.

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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO : Stanley May

DATE : 11-13-80 CONTROL QUALITY DIVISION

FROM: Minerfer J Johnston

SUBJECT: Rico Anaconda copper Co NP
Unauthorized discharge

On Wednesday November 12, 1980 I proceeded to Anaconda Copper Corp Mining operation at Rico. A nine inch Parshall Flume had been installed between ponds number 4 and 5 (see map). An inspection of the WWTF revealed that the bank of pond #5 located just North of the parshall flume was leaking water into the Dolores River in a stream approximately 00.2 MGD (estimate). A sample for T.S.S., Copper, Lead, and Zinc was taken from this effluent stream approximately 16 inches from the Dolores River. Mr Civil Jahnke manager gave permission to sample, was present during sampling, and accept a split. Mr R.L. Dent Coordinator for Environmental Services for Anaconda Copper stated that a tractor would compact the bank on 11-13-80 and Benthite would be added to the inside edge of the bank to seal the leak.

Minerfer Johnston 11-13-80
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 Signature

